

## **MSBA Civil Litigation Section Governing Council**

### **Minutes of Meeting**

**January 9, 2009**

**Location: MSBA Office – Minneapolis, MN**

The meeting was called to order by Jan Conlin at 7:45 a.m.

Attendees: P. Carter, J. Conlin, D. Gavin, E. Matthews, D. McGrath, M. Vasaly, G. Robinson, B. Candlin, Judge Marilyn Justman Kaman. Judge Jill Flaskamp Halbrooks and Bill Sjöholm participated telephonically. Special guest Melissa Wendland, liaison from the New Lawyers Section also attended.

Treasury Report: Peter Carter provided the treasury report. The Council discussed potential uses for the funds that were consistent with the mission of the Civil Litigation Section.

E. Matthews made a motion to cut the section dues in half. J. Conlin seconded. Discussion followed. After discussion, the motion failed.

At the invitation of Judge Kaman, Mike Kelly, from the Hennepin County Clerk's Office and Bob Hansen, the lead IT person at Hennepin County, joined the meeting to discuss e-filing efforts for civil matters. Mr. Hansen reported that they are making progress and working on a pilot for civil case e-filings. He also reported that the state had allotted several million dollars but the funding has now been cut. Mr. Kelly described the challenges for the project and reported that the budget will be presented on January 26, 2009. Following discussion with the Council Mr. Kelly and Mr. Hansen left the meeting.

District Court Orders: While two additional orders were received from Hennepin County judges, we do need more participation from the court. The Labor and Employment Section is also working on a similar effort.

Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting planning is going well. Mike Ciresi has agreed to represent plaintiffs and Joe Anthony will represent the defense in a mock jury presentation of a case that went to trial. The jury consultants will donate their time and services. The Annual Meeting is set for April 16 from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. We still need to decide who to recognize with the section award. Nominations will be considered at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 a.m.